

GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

MEDIA ALERT

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WEEKEND WORK ON SR 53 UNDER I-985 AND EXIT RAMP LIMITED TO RIGHT TURN ONLY

WHEN: Beginning at 7 p.m. Friday, May 15, continuously until 7 p.m. Saturday, May 16

WHERE: I-985 southbound exit ramp to Exit 16, SR 53/Mundy Mill Road and SR 53/Mundy Mill Road under the interstate. Crews will be working in the westbound lanes of SR 53. The left turn lane from SR 53 west to I-985 south will be closed also.

WHAT: The Georgia Department of Transportation has scheduled weekend work from 7 p.m. Friday to 7 p.m. Saturday, weather permitting. Crews will be removing old asphalt and putting down new asphalt on SR 53/Mundy Mill Road under the interstate.

Westbound traffic on SR 53 will be reduced to one lane.

Traffic coming off the interstate on the southbound exit ramp will be forced to turn right as crews will be working in the left turn area. Traffic can continue up SR 53/Mundy Mill Road about 500 feet and make a U-turn to travel on Mundy Mill Road eastbound.

The left turn lane on SR 53 west to the entrance ramp of I-985 south will be closed. Traffic can continue up Mundy Mill Road about 500 feet and make a U-turn to travel on Mundy Mill Road eastbound to I-985 south.

Delays are expected in the work zone. Please avoid the work zone if possible.

If weather does not allow the work to occur this weekend, it will be rescheduled for the next weekend, May 21 -22.

Motorists are advised to slow down and use extra caution in the work zone. Speed limits have been reduced and will be strictly enforced. City of Oakwood Police will be on scene tonight.

Georgia DOT urges travelers to call 511 for updated information about this or any other construction project on interstates and state routes. Georgia 511 is a free phone service that provides real-time traffic and travel information statewide, such as traffic conditions, incidents, lane closures, and delays due to inclement weather. Callers also can transfer to

operators to request assistance or report incidents 24 hours a day, seven days a week. More information is available at www.511ga.org.

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